



- (7:00) Roll Call: Alpine, Grand County, Aspen, RMR, Routt, Summit, Vail, Western, Douglas, Larimer
- (7:03) Previous Minutes:
  - Reviewed; approved
- (7:05) Treasurer's Report:
  - Went over previous minutes; nothing new.
- (7:06) National MRA:
  - No date for the national meeting yet
  - National dues still due on 01/01/05
  - Proxies for national meetings prior to 01/10/05
    - Nothing major going on
    - Agency typing may be discussed
  - National awards
    - Need nominations for next year
  - (7:11) Colorado Ground SAR has been dropped
  - National meeting will be in Colorado next year
- (7:12) Regional MRA – Reaccreditations:
  - Western passed
  - Summit passed
  - Larimer, didn't pass initial or retest
    - (7:14) Larimer spoke regarding feedback; form input could be more specific (such as "litter loading painful to watch", "rescue took way too long", "haul systems were too complex"); suggest improvements; rock climber under roof was not realistic scenario; evaluators should state the position from where they were watching; what kind of training can we reference as a standard?
    - (7:17) We as a region do not want to have a standard
    - (7:18) Region should look at adopting guidelines for approaching team regarding the medical protocols prior to reaccreditations so it does not become an issue
    - (7:22) Foley suggested that written scenarios be collected prior to reaccreditations to ensure a realistic scenario
    - (7:22) Larimer asked when they could be a member again if they passed in 2006
      - (7:24) Decision that it could be happen immediately from a region standpoint, but National wouldn't recognize until one year from lapse for a renewal date in 2011
    - (7:26) Suggestion to train with local teams to help out
  - Schedule for 2005/2006
    - Very full schedule
    - (7:28) Douglas would like to run a pre-test 26/27 Feb.



- (7:29) New vice chair needs to assign a lead evaluator to Douglas soon to get this rolling
- (7:32) Lead evaluators for 2005
  - Referenced sheet passed out; 22 available for this year
- (7:33) 2002-2004 stats offered for review (no takers)
- (7:34) Regional MRA:
  - Discussion of new teams coming beginning to get complicated; may have to look at reworking if it becomes unwieldy; suggestion to make it more like joint trainings or like California MRA does it
  - New teams coming in need to fit into our existing schedule
  - (7:36) Atalaya called Woody 3 days ago apologizing; but they didn't seem as interested; directors agreed to move them to 2007 for their initial accreditation; Woody notified them of the process for them to move forward with
  - (7:39) Mesa, Gilpin, Teller, Chaffee, and Ouray (was a member in the past) are interested; Garfield possibly interested as well (ex-associate member)
  - (7:41) Regional Trainings:
    - Grand county is proposing a regional avalanche training for Jan. 30, 2006; potential for some demonstration stations (snowmobiles, dogs, etc.), winter technical, etc. This would augment the Summit Avalanche Seminar with more field scenarios
    - (7:46) Suggestion to get word out at the avalanche seminar dinner
    - (7:46) Suggestion for regionalized ICS training
    - (7:48) Couple of times of year would be good, but need to look at how busy the year is; suggestion for teams to approach board with ideas if they would like to host something
    - (7:50) Western is proposing a big wall evac in the Black Canyon; looking for feedback; would be good to try out cable here too
    - (7:54) International Technical Rescue Symposium 14-19 June; 14-16 will be training scenarios; need input from each team by mid-February for how many people will be coming; 85 foreign team members from 6 different teams coming; expecting 800-1000 total; go to [www.vailmountainrescue.com](http://www.vailmountainrescue.com).
  - (7:59) CSRB: Jan. 8<sup>th</sup> is next meeting; email went out regarding forces and engineering of technical systems to be lecture; annual election for board of directors will be held, 6 of 12 positions are open; 4 bylaws changes will be voted on; will be held at Alpine shack; no date for SARCON, but thinking of May; looking at moving to Leadville area or other more central location for future years
  - (8:03) DOLA report from Howard Paul; Joe Ben has been representing at state level; all-hazards stuff is going on in every state, as result of 9/11; resource typing is coming; Mountain Rescue typing from FEMA is somewhat useful, but Wilderness SAR typing was not; homeland security funding/state grant funding will be dependent on typing, possibly; schedule is that by the end of 2005 every state has to have begun NIMS; other extensive discussion; teams



as well as individuals will be typed (e.g. 30% of your team members may need to be Avi Tech 1 to be certified in avi?); (8:19) NIMS will be forced down our throats whether we like it or not

- (8:27) Woody in regards to DOLA; one team took > \$70k over two years in terms of reimbursement for missions; this will not be allowed to happen again; MRA teams are not to charge agencies or persons for rescues; Chaffee county was the team and did it based on signatures received from responding teams; don't sign items that could be looked at as invoices for reimbursement; receipts for legitimate costs only should be submitted for reimbursement
- (8:40) Regional List Server: no report
  
- (8:41) Elections:
  - (8:42) No nominations from the floor; motion to close nominations; approved
  - Chair: Greg Foley (GCSAR) nominated; elected
  - Vice-chair: Scott Messina (Aspen) nominated; elected
  - Secretary/Treasurer: Mike Schmidt (Summit) nominated; elected
  - Director-At-Large: Steve Chappell (RMR) nominated; elected
  - Director-At-Large: Randy Felix (Western) nominated; elected
  
- (8:44) various minor discussion of regional website
  
- (8:48) Thanks to Woody for his service; next meeting at or near one of the spring reaccreditations; suggestion for Friday before Alpine's reaccred.
  
- (8:50) Foley talked about goals; Larimer back in; increasing consistency of safety in our operations, e.g. standardizing technical commands.; helping with conference in Vail; need input/direction for teams for long term goals
  
- (8:54) Adjourn